

Disparities Elimination Committee Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

Committee Members Present:	
Patrick Ingram (co-chair)	Jay Orne
Mark Jenkins (co-chair)	Nikki LeClaire
Committee Members Absent:	
Alejandro Aguilera	James Velek
Sarah Schiele	Oceane Lune
Calvin Hillary Hylton	
Guests:	
Joe Amrhein, Council member	Cody Raasch, Hennepin County
Hennepin County (Part A) Representative:	DHS (Part B) Representative:
Eriika Etshokin	Dennis London
	Amy Miller
MDH (Prevention) Representative:	MDH (Surveillance) Representative:
McKinzie Woelfel	Hannah Giles (MDH – Epi)
MCHACP Staff:	
Audra Gaikowski, Council Coordinator	Jeremy Stadelman, Admin Specialist (minutes)

Quorum Present? Yes

I. Welcome and introductions

- Mark Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:32am.

II. Review, approval of minutes from April 18 meeting and proposed agenda

- The meeting minutes from the April 18 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.
- The agenda for today’s meeting was reviewed and approved as written.

III. FY23 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Carryover Proposal

Eriika Etshokin, Hennepin County Public Health

- Eriika presented the **FY23 Part A MAI Carryover Proposal** to the committee.
- There were \$5,310 in unspent MAI funds in FY23; Part A is requesting to carryover this amount in FY24.
 - Part A proposes that these additional funds be added to outpatient/ambulatory health services to reach additional 8 clients, bringing the FY23 total to 151 total clients.
- Because there was no quorum, voting on this item occurred in unfinished business, after quorum was achieved.

IV. FY25 & FY26 Part A MAI Prioritization

Audra Gaikowski, Council Coordinator

- Audra presented a PowerPoint presentation titled, **FY2024 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Prioritization**.
- Questions/Comments:

- Mark wondered if we know the mode of transmission for prevalence data. This information is available and can be shared with committee.
- A member asked why the committee would want to prioritize services differently than how they are now prioritized. Eriika responded that she would not recommend changes so that we can have consistent funding streams for providers to develop programs, etc.
- Though the available data is too small of a subset to share publicly, Nikki would like to see more data around American Indians/Alaska Natives. Cody responded that this is not possible for MAI data but viral suppression rates generally among all Ryan White clients can be shared.
 - Eriika emphasized that these services also receive Part A formula funding; MAI is only around 10% of total funding.
- **MOTION:** Jay Orne moved that Part A MAI Service Area Priorities for FY25-FY26 remain the same as previous fiscal years. The areas include Core Medical Services: Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse – Outpatient, and Oral Health Care. Support services: Emergency Financial Assistance and Housing. Patrick Ingram seconded.
- **DEBATE:** None.
- **VOTE:** With 3 ayes and 0 noes, the motion carries.
- Patrick Ingram took over facilitation.

V. Review of Psychosocial Support Services directive process

Audra Gaikowski, Council Coordinator

- Audra displayed and reviewed the ***Timeline Review of Psychosocial Support Services Directive***.
- Patrick appreciated the process of data informed decision making.
- Jay noted that understanding how priorities compared with what the data was telling us (i.e. 2020 Needs Assessment) was crucial in identifying gaps.
 - The mental health forum generated a lot of good information.
 - Hearing from other planning councils who have done similar work. This could be introduced sooner in planning future directives.
 - Discussions with government representatives became more focused after meeting with the NYC planning council because it helped the committee to better understand what to ask/look for.

VI. Results of meeting format survey

- Audra displayed ***the results of the meeting format survey***.
- Audra displayed ***In Person vs. Virtual Attendance at DEC meetings***.
- Patrick suggested that holding the meeting in other locations would be equitable and is something to consider going forward.
- The committee agreed to review this again at the June meeting, where more members may be present.

VII. Review FY24 religious holidays calendar

- Tabled until next month.

VIII. New business / Unfinished Business

- FY23 Part A Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Carryover Proposal:

- **MOTION:** Mark Jenkins moved that \$5,310 in unspent Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds in FY 2023 be carried-over in FY 24 and be allocated to Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services to provide diagnostic and therapeutic-related activities directly to Ryan White consumers by licensed healthcare providers in an outpatient medical setting. Jay Orne seconded.
- **DEBATE:** None.
- **VOTE:**
 - Jay Orne: Aye
 - Mark Jenkins: Aye
 - Nikki LeClaire: Aye
 - With 3 ayes and 0 noes, the motion carries.

IX. Set agenda for next meeting

- Review FY25 Part A MAI allocation proposal
- MAI post-award adjustments, as needed
- Psychosocial Support/Mental Health/Substance Use services data review
- Review meeting format
- Review religious holiday calendar

X. Announcements

- None.

XI. Adjourn

- Patrick Ingram adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Meeting Summary

- The committee approved a motion to allocate \$5,310 in unspent Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funds in FY 2023 be carried-over in FY 24 and be allocated to Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services to provide diagnostic and therapeutic-related activities directly to Ryan White consumers by licensed healthcare providers in an outpatient medical setting
- The committee approved motion that Part A MAI Service Area Priorities for FY25-FY26 remain the same as previous fiscal years. The areas include Core Medical Services: Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Abuse – Outpatient, and Oral Health Care. Support services: Emergency Financial Assistance and Housing.
- The committee reviewed the Psychosocial Support Services directive process.

Documents shared before the meeting:

- 2024.05.16 DEC Agenda
- 2024.04.18 DEC Minutes
- FY24 meeting format results
- FY2024 Religious Holidays List
- Timeline review of Psychological Support Services directive
- Part A MAI service area priorities
- FY 2024 Part A MAI Carryover Proposal

Documents shared during the meeting:

- PowerPoint presentation titled, Prioritizing Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) Service
- In Person vs. Virtual Attendance at DEC meetings

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